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The Honorable Dow Constantine
Chair, King County Council
Room 1200
C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Constantine:

It has been one of the greatest honors and privileges of my life to have served the residents of King County for over twenty years, first as a County Councilmember, and most recently as Executive.

With this letter, I am informing you and the Council that effective May 8, 2009, I resign as Executive of Martin Luther King County Jr. I will join the administration of President Barack Obama and assume the duties of Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

With pride and deep satisfaction, I leave King County with the knowledge that we have accomplished much together. Although I am shifting my office to the other Washington, my home – my heart – will always be in the Northwest, and I look forward to following the progress of this great region as it tackles the 21st century challenges.

I urge you to take care of each other and the environment.

Sincerely,

Ron Sims